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**SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL HONORS LOCAL BUSINESSES  
THAT SAVE MONEY, CONSERVE ENERGY, AND HELP ENVIRONMENT**

SAN DIEGO, CA— Twenty-three City of San Diego businesses representing high tech, manufacturing, education and other industries were recognized as environmental leaders when the City Council declared May 13, 2002 as “San Diego Climate Wise-Energy Star® Partners Day.”

Councilmember Jim Madaffer presented representatives from Unisys Corporation, Hewlett-Packard, Ericsson Wireless, San Diego State University, Qualcomm, and Kyocera Wireless a framed resolution during the May 13 ceremony at City Hall.

“Each year our Climate-Wise Energy Star® Partners save about \$3.5 million in dollars and 23 million in kilowatt hours, while keeping 23,000 tons of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere,” said Councilmember Madaffer.

The City’s Environmental Services Department (ESD) has administered the Climate Wise-Energy Star® program locally since 1997. It is part of Energy Star®, a voluntary program funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that helps businesses, consumers, educators and homeowners save energy and money while keeping greenhouse gases out of the environment. Saving energy reduces air pollution that contributes to global climate change.

Besides recognizing companies for their emissions reduction efforts, ESD aids its Partners by providing information and assistance on a wide range of conservation strategies. Some fifteen Partners have implemented strategic energy plans along with other measuring including energy management teams, performance levels, and programs to promote energy efficiency awareness among employees.

One noteworthy Partner, San Diego State University, uses innovative energy-saving technologies such as an electrical cogeneration plant that also produces heat, and high-efficiency lighting. The University was honored as “The Climate Wise-Energy Star® Partner of the Year” at the City’s Waste Reduction and Recycling Awards event on April 24.

For more information about the Climate Wise-Energy Star® Program, call Linda Pratt at (858) 492-5088. The City of San Diego’s Environmental Services Department is charged with refuse collection and disposal, recycling and environmentally sound landfill management to meet the City’s long-term disposal needs. The Department also oversees the City’s management of energy use and explores innovative options for energy independence. For more information on Environmental Services, visit its Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/index.shtml>.

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